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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Docket: KATA-188

Applicants : Kazuhiko Ohnishi et al.  
Serial No. : 10/761,400  
Filed : January 22, 2004  
Title : CURABLE STARCH COMPOSITION, MODIFIED STARCH,  
PREPARATION METHOD AND ARTICLES

**Declaration**

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Sir:

I, Virgil H. Marsh, hereby declare the following:

1. I am a partner at Fisher, Christen & Sabol.
2. For U.S. Serial No. 10/761,400, in response to the Office Action of August 29, 2005 (response due by September 29, 2005), I prepared an amendment electing invention and species. I thought the amendment had been filed, however, it inadvertently had not been filed.
3. I signed a letter (dated September 21, 2005) to the client stating that the amendment had been filed.
4. After receiving the Notice of Abandonment, when reviewing the file, I noticed that only an unsigned copy of the amendment was in the file. I have been unable to locate any postcard receipt or other paper from the Patent Office indicating that the amendment had been filed/received.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, that all statements made on information and beliefs are believed to be true; and that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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Sir:

I, Kara M. Armstrong, hereby declare the following:

1. From April 2005 Through May 2006, I was the docketing clerk for Fisher, Christen & Sabol.
2. For U.S. Serial No. 10/761,400, I entered into the docketing system that the Office Action dated August 29, 2005 had been received, and that the responsive amendment (with election of invention) was due on September 29, 2005.
3. The docketing system was such that a document or other written item was supplied to me that stated or indicated that an amendment had been filed (or other appropriate <sup>KMA</sup> action taken).
4. On September 29, 2005, or shortly thereafter, I entered into the docketing system that the responsive amendment had been filed by September 29, 2005.

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Sir:

I, Leslie Stepney, hereby declare the following:

1. I am employed by Fisher, Christen & Sabol in the capacity of Legal Secretary since April, 2005.
2. For U.S. Serial No. 10/761,400, on September 21, 2005, I prepared a letter to the client stating that the responsive amendment was filed.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, that all statements made on information and beliefs are believed to be true; and that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both,

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